

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4302, Protecting Access to Medicare Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1839–S1882

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2184–2188, and S. Res. 405–407. **Pages S1870–71**

Measures Reported:

S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–140)

S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944. (S. Rept. No. 113–141) **Page S1870**

Measures Passed:

Protecting Access to Medicare Act: By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 93), Senate passed H.R. 4302, to amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, March 27, 2014, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following motion proposed thereto:

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 92), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Reso-

lution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell.

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National Assistant Principals Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 405, expressing support for the designation of the week of March 31 through April 4, 2014, as “National Assistant Principals Week”.

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National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 406, designating April 4, 2014, as “National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day”.

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Honoring Former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 407, honoring former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr.

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Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874, of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Pages S1859–60**

Reid Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2875), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1860**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a

vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. **Page S1860**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Page S1860**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1860**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2879, to change the enactment date. **Page S1860**

Reid Amendment No. 2880 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2879), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1860**

Reid Amendment No. 2881 (to Amendment No. 2880), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1860**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874. **Page S1860**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. **Page S1881**

Minimum Wage Fairness Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1737, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property. **Pages S1860–66**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 91), John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1856–59, S1880–81**

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1879–80, S1881–82**

Kelly R. Welsh, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S1880–82**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2013.

Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Linda Struyk Millsaps, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2018.

Dean A. Reuter, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring September 14, 2016.

Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2020.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—93) **Pages S1858–59**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr., former Senator and Rear Admiral, in accordance with S. Res. 407, at 8:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1881.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CREATING A 21ST CENTURY GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine creating a 21st century government, focusing on outside views, after receiving testimony from Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, and Thomas Lee, Sunlight Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; Shelley H. Metzenbaum, The Volcker Alliance, New York, New York; and Robert Shea, Grant Thornton LLP, Alexandria, Virginia.